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Capt. Grayson Steding appointed to Great Lakes Region staff

GLR/CS, Col. John Alexander, announced the appointment of Capt. Grayson Steding as Assistant DCS Operations, effective June 26, 2011. In his new position, Steding will manage the operations of the Gippisland GA8 Airvan that is assigned to GLR.

Steding, has a private pilot license with an instrument rating. He has his sights set on obtaining a Commercial license and Flight Instructor Certificate in the near future.

After joining the Indiana Wing in 2009, Wing, Steding has progressed through senior training and emergency services qualifications at a rapid clip. He has: a CAPF 5 in every aircraft in the GLR fleet; mission and counter drug pilot ratings, provided training as an ARCHER instructor, and become a qualified GIIEP operator. To date, he has flown over 200 hours on cadet orientation flights, ES missions and training.

Managing the GA8 involves scheduling the aircraft so that it spends time in every GLR wing, encouraging pilots to check out in the Airvan, and insuring that the aircraft is well maintained. During times of major search and rescue, or disaster relief, missions, NHQ looks to the regions to send their GA8s, and qualified crews, to the site of the mission.

Outside of CAP, Steding is an intern at Continental Airlines working in Avionics Engineering. He will graduate from Purdue University next spring with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering Technology and an Associates in Electrical Engineering Technology.

Regarding his joining the GLR staff, Steding said, "I am excited to be a part of the team. I hope I can make a positive contribution to the Airvan program."